

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, April 15, 1871, with transcript

Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his father. Date on envelope: April 15, (1871 ?) Dear Papa:

Glorious triumph of Visible Speech!! Skeptical members of the School Committee converted!!! The youngest members of the school (after only half an hour's instruction) were able to sign the meaning of the symbols to the Committee. Several children in the School — themselves produced the proper sounds without any manner of assistance further than that conveyed by the symbols. More anon.

I sent this morning a paper containing a regular Yankee poem. I thought you might work upon the idea conveyed in it and produce a little readable piece.

In haste.

Your affectionate son, A. Graham Bell.